Statement-II

Details of Expenditure Incurred by the Directorate of Sugar on Purchases Made After Fire Incidence on 16.10.1992.

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity	Total Amount
1.	Pocket Calculator	08	2,782.00
2.	Solar Cell	06	5,237.00
3.	Pocket Calculator	10	2,403.50
4.	Solar Cell	06	5,237.00
5.	Wall Clock	09	2,250.00
6.	Brief Case	08	5,064.00
7.	Mayur Jug	10	3,778.00
8.	Typewriter (English)	06	27,442.00
9.	Typerwriter (English)	02	38,922.00
10.	Typewriter (Hindi)	06	
11.	Photocopier Machine Model SFT-Z-120	01	1,50,528.00
12.	Steel Almirah	12	
	Officer Table	05	
	Clerk Table	12	1,37,010.50
	Steel Chair with arm	32	
	Steel Chair without arm	11	
13.	Steel Rack (7 shelves)	04	13,979.00
14.	Steel Rack (3 shelves)	08	12,529.00
15.	Revolving chair executive	03	
16.	Steel Almirah	06	38,825.00
17.	Steel Rack (7 shelves)	03	
18.	Stationery		70,000.00

Misuse of Government funds by Sugar Mills

2207. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Cess collected on sugar since the beginning of Sugar Cess Act 1982 and the expenditure incurred in various Heads like "SUGAR DEVELOPMENT FUND", year-wise;

(b) the names of sugar factories to whom Government granted loans during the last five years and the actual amount disbursed;

(c) the amount outstanding against each mill, a longwith interest, during the same period; and

(d) the number of vigilance cases with regard to sugar Development Fund, Sugar licencing, etc. reported/registered for misuse of Government funds and financial irregularities during the same period and the details of case referred to C.V.C/C.B.I.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) A statement showing cess collected on Sugar from the Year 1982-83 to 1998-99 (upto 30.9.98) is indicated at Annexure Yearwise details of expenditure incurred from the Sugar Development Fund is given at Annexure.

[*See Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 55]

(b) A lsit of sugar factories to whom loans for modernisation and cane de-

velopment have been sanctioned durng the financial year 1993-94 to 1998-99 (upto 30.11.98) and the position of disbursement of loan to each factory is at Annexure.

[*See Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 56]

(c) The factorywise outstanding SDF dues (as on 30.6.98) is given at Annexure.

[*See Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 57]

(d) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

Effect of Pest-Infected Australian Wheat on Other Agricultural Crops

2208. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minsiter of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pest-infected imported Australian wheat stocks are posing a hazard to other agricultural crops like cashewnut etc. in Karnataka, as reported in Hindustan Times of 12th October, 1998;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so that domestic agricultural crops do not suffer any hazard; and

(c) who is responsible for this state of affairs and what action is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) No Sir. Imported Australian wheat stocks have been received at various Indian Ports in pest-free condition. A complaint received from Karnataka about cross-infestation of cashewnut stored in the Karnataka State Warehousing Corproaiton Godowns at Mangalore was investigated by FCI and it was found that there was not threat of insect infestation. As a measure of precaution the authoritics of FCI and State Warehousing Corporaiton have been advised to keep the imported wheat stock free from infestation by regular prophylactic and curative treatment and to issue the stock on priority.

Meeting of Chief Secretaries on Price Rise

2209. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet Secretary took a meeting of all the State Chief Secretaries on the question of price rise of essential commodities:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether is a fact that the Cabinet Secretary had stated that it was due to a section of hoarders and because of lack of proper coordination between different Minsitries and agencies of the Government of India, as reported in a section of the press; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Cabinet secretary had convened a meeting of Chief Secretaries of all States/Union Territories on 7.11.98 to discuss issues relating to price rise. Summary of the conclusion arrived in the meeting is given in Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The statement attributed to the Cabinet Secretary in not true.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Meeting of Chief Secretaries of States/UTs taken by the cabinet Secretary on 7.11.98 at New Delhi.

In pursuance of a decision taken recently by the Prime Minister in a meeting with the Group of Ministers, the Cabinet Secretary today held a meeting with the Chief Secretaries of State Governments and Union Territories to reivew the situation arising out of the recent increase in the prices of some essential commodities. The meeting took not of the abnormal increase in the prices